

# ***Prescribed Burn Information***

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Stanislaus National Forest



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## **Prescribed Fire for Resource and Public Benefits**

<b>Prescribed Fire Name / Ranger District</b>	Bear Mountain Underburn, Groveland Ranger District
<b>General and Specific Location</b>	Located approximately 22 miles east of Groveland adjacent to Forest Road 1S03 in the vicinity of Ackerson and Bear Mountain, Township 1S, Range 19E. Smoke may be visible from Hwy.120 and Evergreen Road, with some down canyon drift smoke visible in the evening and early morning mainly in the South Fork of the Tuolumne River drainage.
<b>Projected Duration</b>	Ignition of the prescribed burn is expected to begin from November 6, through November 30, 2012 with controlled burning to continue sometime within this window for 4 to 6 days. Burning is contingent on weather, fuel moisture, and air quality. All burning is monitored and conducted in accordance with state and county air quality guidelines. And closely coordinated with local county air quality control districts.
<b>Planned Size of Prescribed Burn</b>	A total of 337 acres are to be treated with low-intensity fire, with planned ignition on approximately 60 acres daily. Size of burn may vary with weather and fuel moisture conditions, as well as permissible air quality burn days.
<b>Type of Prescribed Burn</b>	Broadcast underburn of low intensity.
<b>Burn Project Objectives</b>	<p>Reduce the buildup of flammable forest fuels, both ground fuels and ladder fuels; reduce the threat of uncontrolled, large and damaging fires;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve protection of life and property in the communities of Evergreen, Camp Mather, Peach Growers , and Private adjacent land;</li><li>• Enhance and protect wildlife habitat and improve deer browse;</li><li>• Protect the Tuolumne River watershed, campgrounds and forest and private infrastructure;</li><li>• Promote health and resiliency in mixed conifer forest and reduce susceptibility to future insect and disease occurrences and drought.</li></ul>
<b>Public Benefits</b>	Prescribed burning is an effective cost efficient method of reducing flammable forest fuels, improving firefighting capabilities, and reducing the impacts of large uncontrolled damaging wildland fires.
<b>Resource Benefits</b>	Controlled, or prescribed, low-intensity fires enhance wildlife habitat, protect and maintain water quality and soil productivity, improve forest ecosystem health, and reduce the threat of uncontrolled conflagrations. The Sierra Nevada is a fire dependent ecosystem, where fire is part of the natural forest process.
<b>Public Advisory</b>	<p>Smoke may be visible from Hwy. 120 and Evergreen Road, with some down canyon drift smoke may be visible in the evening and early morning, mainly in the Tuolumne River Drainage. This project is a planned prescribed fire. Please do not report as a wildland fire.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation!</p>